

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS 7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Winnay Wemigwase **Date:** 9/15/15 – 9/16/15

Re: Uniting Three Fires Against Violence Conf. Mackinaw Island, MI

I attended the Uniting Three Fires Against Violence Conference on Mackinaw Island with Stacey Ettawageshik, Domestic Violence Coordinator/Advocate; Celestine Petoskey, Prosecutor Office Manager/Victim Advocate; Donna Budnick, Legislative Services Attorney and Deleta Smith, Domestic Violence Health Educator. We were asked to participate as presenters regarding our LTBB Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) legislation and the process we went through to establish these laws for our Tribe. The staff did an EXCELLENT job of presenting and representing the Tribe. Some of the topics covered during the conference were Safety for Native Women: VAWA and American Indian Tribes; VOCA & State STOP Administration; the Importance of Statistics; Domestic Violence Court and the Importance of OVW Consultation and Prep. Please see the attached PowerPoint that we, LTBB, utilized during our presentation, "The Road to VAWA."

As always, I was very grateful to attend this event on behalf of our Tribe. My travel was funded by the Uniting Three Fires Against Violence organization and am grateful to them, as well, for asking us to participate.

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Winnay Wemigwase